

## BAGS FOR CHRISTMAS

A WORD IN SEASON ABOUT HOLIDAY GIFTS.  
Take Time by the Forelock and Avoid the Rush—Practical Instructions for the Manufacturers of Pretty and Useful Presents—Handkerchief Bags and Workbags. (Copyright, 1892, by American Press Association.)



HAT to do for Christmas is the problem that will soon be filling the minds of women, and this problem will require speedy solution if one wishes to enjoy to the utmost at the last minute to rush around and buy one's gifts, spending more than one can well afford, when by the exercise of a little forethought money and strength can be saved. Begin in time; plan your work; look over your materials in hand; buy judiciously, and then go to work and make—bags, for they never come amiss. No matter how many one has, a new one is always acceptable.

One bag is a suitable present for a child or its mother, it is to be used for handkerchiefs and is made as follows: Cut two round pieces of pasteboard about seven inches in diameter and end wadding the exact size, using two layers for the inside of the bag. Upon the wadding sprinkle sachet powder. Then lay the disks of wadding upon one of the pieces of pasteboard and hold them in place by covering the circle with cheesecloth. Cover the other circle with pale pink satin, of which the bag is made. This pink satin is very delicate looking when the white roses (procured at a milliner's) encircle it.

The strip (just long enough to go around the circle) is turned over at the top to form a hem, at the lower edge of which a casing should be made by stitching the hem around twice on the machine, using pale pink sewing silk. In the casing put two white silk cords to draw up the bag. Then set the strip to the lower casement and fasten the bottom and after that invert the rounded circles, catching it in place with invisible stitches. Turning it right side out again, catch the roses all around the base of the bag, and the bag is done. I don't think any of my readers have a lady friend who would not be pleased to receive one of these dainty handkerchief bags.

Cut a round piece of wood six inches in diameter and cover one side with a piece of coarse linen, in the center of which embroider a monogram or initial in satin stitch, with yellow silk; the back of the board is neatly covered with the same as other material. Around one-half of the board, forming a semi-circle, are a number of small brass screw hooks about an inch apart, from which hang small bags, each 4 by 5 inches and prettily worked in odd letters with yellow silk, white thread, linen thread, colored thread, silk twist, pearl buttons, beads and eyes or anything you desire. In each bag put a drawing cord of silk. Hang the board by a large brass ring, hidden under a huge bow of yellow ribbon, at the top. These bags are very convenient, and may be made of almost any material.

For a fanbag purchase one yard and a half of No. 9 ribbon. Cut this in two and join lengthwise by a double row of small brass rings covered with embroidery silk—the color of the ribbon. A single row of these rings borders each of the inner edges of the ribbon to within two inches of the ends of the ribbon, which are to be fringed. This is doubled in the center and the sides joined. Ribbons are run through the rings at the top from either side, leaving them long enough to slip over the arm.

Servicable and pretty little workbags are made by using for a foundation one of the small oblong baskets—about 4 by 6 inches—to be found at almost any shop where Japanese goods are kept. For the upper part of the bag procure two yards of dark yellow ribbon, No. 9, and four yards of the same color a few shades lighter. Then cut them in twelve strips of equal length and join along. After they are all joined a hem 2½ inches deep is turned and finished with two rows of stitching one inch apart. The other edge is finished with a very narrow hem and fastened to the basket with invisible stitches. Ribbons through the casing finish the bag.

Another pretty bag is made of two pieces of chamois, each 5 by 6 inches, which are painted around the edges with clover blossoms and leaves. The designs on the two pieces should be similar, but not exactly the same. A piece of India or China silk, matching the green of the clover leaf, four inches wide and one yard long, is gathered and connects the two pieces of chamois along the sides and across the bottom as a puff. A straight piece of silk six inches deep and the width of the bag is sewed to the bag. A hem two inches deep is turned with two rows of stitching for the ribbons which are green, matching the silk.

Still another lively bag is made of two shades of No. 14 old rose satin ribbon, one and two-thirds of a yard of each being used. The ribbons are cut into strips of ten inches and oversewed together, alternating the light and the dark. A button for the bag is made by covering a round piece of pasteboard with wadding sprinkled with sachet powder, and then covering both sides with old rose silk. The ribbon is narrowly hemmed on one side and sewed to the pasteboard. The top is hemmed and has a wide ruffle of soft lace and draw strings of narrow ribbon. *Quotidiana Willert.*

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ENTERTAINMENTS  
SUPPLIED  
IN ANY LOCALITY.

DO NOT  
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TO WRITE FOR  
AN ESTIMATE.

899 Broad Street,  
NEWARK.

## THE FLOWER OF THE HOUR.

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## A LEGAL INCIDENT.

## A TRAGIC ENDING OF AN UNJUST CRIMINAL CONVICTION.

What Strong Circumstantial Evidence Did in the Case of a Trusted Clerk. He Died When He Learned That He Was Innocent Before the Law.

The following thrilling story comes from the lips of a well known member of the Pennsylvania bar:

A very bad and disastrous failure had occurred, in which a certain trusted clerk seemed to have been guilty of the larger share of the crime. He, with his employer, was arrested and charged with the crime. The clerk stoutly protested his innocence and denied all knowledge of the fraud or any connection with his employer.

However, there was a chain of circumstantial evidence woven around him which was exceptionally strong and which his counsel could not break down, although he was firmly convinced himself of his innocence. The clerk was convicted and sent to jail for a term of years.

After being confined in prison for about a year the poor fellow's mind began to weaken, and finally he broke down completely. He was taken from prison and transferred to a hospital for the insane. All the time the clerk continued to protest his innocence. After he had been confined in the hospital three or four months certain facts in the failure were elicited which clearly proved that the unfortunate clerk was entirely innocent of having committed any crime.

Of course steps were immediately taken to secure the pardon of the man; the facts were laid before the pardon board at their next meeting and an order was given for his immediate release.

It now became the delicate duty of the counsel in the case to break the happy intelligence to the pardoned clerk. But the question that confronted them was what could be done to restore his reason, and would he believe the news? If his mind could not be restored he could not be taken away. What could be done?

"Here is the funny part of the whole thing," said Mr. Hess. "Mrs. Dunn agreed to call upon the poor clerk and make an attempt to rouse him from the apathy and lethargy into which he had fallen. This they decided to do by accusing him again of the theft of the funds. Whenever this subject was broached he always roused himself and became greatly animated, always vigorously denying it.

While his mind was aroused by this stimulus it had been decided that one of the counsel was to announce that the master had been fully investigated and his innocence fully established. The parties to this strange drama assembled in the room of the stricken man. He sat silent and immovable, with his head in his hands.

As the old and ever ranking charge of dishonesty fell upon his ears the effect was exactly that which had been foreseen and expected. He slowly raised his head. Looking his grave accuser straight in the eye he repeated, in a low tone of voice, with a ringing inflection and with great energy, "It is a lie."

The critical moment had come. The lawyer who had prosecuted him and secured his incarceration then stepped up to him and said: "You are right. It is a lie, and you stand before the community a vindicated man. I have the order for your release in my pocket."

Then the lawyers stood off to watch the effect, hoping that the joy at the prospect of release and vindication would have the effect of putting the clerk again in his right mind. But no sign of joy overspread the man's features. His face bore its usual stolid expression. It seemed to have no apparent effect upon him.

The clerk turned his face toward the speaker, as if he did not understand him. Then his head fell forward, and the man was precipitated upon the floor at the feet of the lawyers. A single glance sufficed to kill him.

With the favorite come-at-home flower, all our native symbols of sunflower, white lily and violet, the fancy of the moment doted on these inheritabilities.

A few flowers and via their sweet fragrance doted on these inheritabilities.

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